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Church sidesteps Observer criticism

By RALPH HYMAN
CJN Editor

TORONTO –
The draft report of a special committee appointed to deal with charges of anti-Semitism levelled at the United Church of Canada was watered down by the church's ruling body which deleted all references to **The United Church Observer**, its editor and a strongly anti-Zionist article printed in the March issue.

The 57-member national executive, meeting in Toronto for its regular session, spent an hour discussing what it later described in its approved report as "the indications of a climate of alienation and mistrust between the United Church of Canada and a large portion of the Canadian Jewish community."

Norman Vale, the United Church national director of news services, told **The CJN** that Rev. A. C. Forrest, **The Observer** editor, defended his policies which have been under attack not only from Jewish sources but from many members of the church.

"Did the executive endorse Forrest's defence of his policies?" Vale was asked.

"Yes, with one dissenting vote," he replied. That dissenting vote was cast by a member who felt the church statement "should have been stronger," Vale added.

The Booth article which repeated some of the worst anti-Semitic myths and charged that Zionists are engaged in a sinister conspiracy to control the press, was mentioned in the draft statement which the ad hoc committee brought back to the general executive meeting.

"It was then taken out and some other changes were made," Vale said. "I can't remember whether it was said at this particular meeting or at a previous meeting but it was the view of some members that the editor committed an error of judgment in publishing it."

When the committee returned with its draft, it was read to the executive and Rev. Forrest made "supplementary remarks," Vale said.

The church statement denied the truth of allegations that it is anti-Jewish and it said, in part, "we cannot absolve ourselves as a church from our share in the heavy responsibility for allowing this deterioration of Jewish-Christian brotherhood to take place."

Vale was asked whether this "deterioration" referred to the controversy over **The Observer** policy and the silence of the church, or to the responsibility of the church in the Holocaust.

"I would say both," he said.

Asked if the church's position as spelled out in the statement meant that **The Observer** was free to continue the policy which has antagonized Jew and non-Jew alike, Vale replied that the executive body endorsed Forrest's views on the right of an editor to enjoy editorial freedom.

"Has the statement changed anything as far as the controversy is concerned?"

"Well, it's not the last word," the church official said. "It is my personal opinion there will be a developing dialogue to bridge the gap."

The CJN phoned Rev. Forrest for his reaction to the church statement. His reply was brief: "Your paper consistently distorts my statements. There's no point in making any comment."

Podiatrist interview

Do's and Don'ts of walkathon

Working out for the May 28 UJA–ISF walkathon are Seymour Haber, co-chairman of the UJA Pharmacists' Group and Rabbi Erwin Schild of Adath Israel Congregation.

By ESTHER MEHR

TORONTO –
With May 28 drawing closer, walkers who are participating in the UJA-ISF walkathon for the first time, should know the "do's" and "don'ts" to enable them to enjoy the 22-mile hike and suffer as little discomfort as possibile.

Dr. D. E. Rosenthal, a podiatrist who has been connected with Miles for Millions and the UJA walk for several years, is familiar with all the pitfalls that walkers may be unaware of.

Wearing proper clothing is essential, particularly the right footwear. "Absolutely no tennis or running shoes," Dr. Rosenthal warned. "The most appropriate shoes are Hush Puppies, Wallabees or desert boots. And beware of nylon socks! Wool or 100% cotton are recommended. Nylon doesn't allow for breathing."

Dr. Rosenthal is a veteran in tending to the footsore needs of walkers through the years. "These community walkathons are a relatively new phenomenom with great appeal to the young. I have found that the majority are eager to do their bit but they come to the walk completely unprepared. We've had to learn through trial and error, the best ways of eliminating problems which have cropped up in the past," he stated.

To avert many of these problems, Dr. Rosenthal suggests that each walker carry a small kit with the following items:

1. An extra pair of socks.
2. A tin of talc or baby powder.
3. Nylon or other lightweight jacket.
4. A hat for protection against the sun.
5. A plastic garbage bag with the top cut out, in case of rain.
6. Dimes for telephone calls.
7. List of washroom facilities enroute.

(Cont'd on Page 2)

Tough legislation in store for Israel's corporations

JERUSALEM (JTA-JCNS) –
Faced with a storm of protest over what has been called the "whitewash" report of the Witkon Commission inquiry into charges of mismanagement and wrongdoing by officials of the Netivei Neft Oil Co. the cabinet has decided to enact tough new laws to regulate government-owned corporations.

The decision that such legislation is needed was announced after a five-hour session held in the wake of a bitter controversy over the findings of the three-man tribunal. Dr. Zvi Dinstein, deputy finance minister, was cleared of charges of mismanagement of the government-owned company. The report said the company's general manager, Mordecai Friedman, was fit to continue in office.

Major-Gen. Meir Zorea, differed from the findings of his two colleagues and expressed the view that Friedman should be dismissed.

Friedman has since resigned his post. He said the commission has exonerated him from all blame and as far as he is concerned the matter rests there.

But Attorney-General Meir Shamgar disclosed that he has asked the police to investigate certain activities of Friedman as a result of matters that arose during the investigation. He said these included income tax and foreign currency activities by Friedman and the mixing of his private accounts with public property in the accounts of Netivei Neft.

The public outcry over the Witkon Commission report is the top issue in Israel today, and the press has given extensive coverage to the criticisms which come from all quarters, particularly from university students.

Yigal Allon, deputy prime minister and minister of education, told a Knesset debate that if asked to make a personal choice between Dr. David Niv, who made the allegations, or Friedman, he would prefer Dr. Niv.

Attorney General Shamgar told reporters the new legislation would probably take several months to enact.

The public criticism claimed that the Witkon Commission, through its report, had condoned unethical practices. Friedman, after handing his resignation to Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir, claimed that he was a victim of "a demon's dance, a witch hunt and dangerous hysteria in the streets."

The majority report faulted Dr. Dinstein for not laying down clear guidelines for Netivei Neft, but conceded that this was an administrative shortcoming and not a reflection on his integrity.

USSR officials 'running scared' on Nixon visit

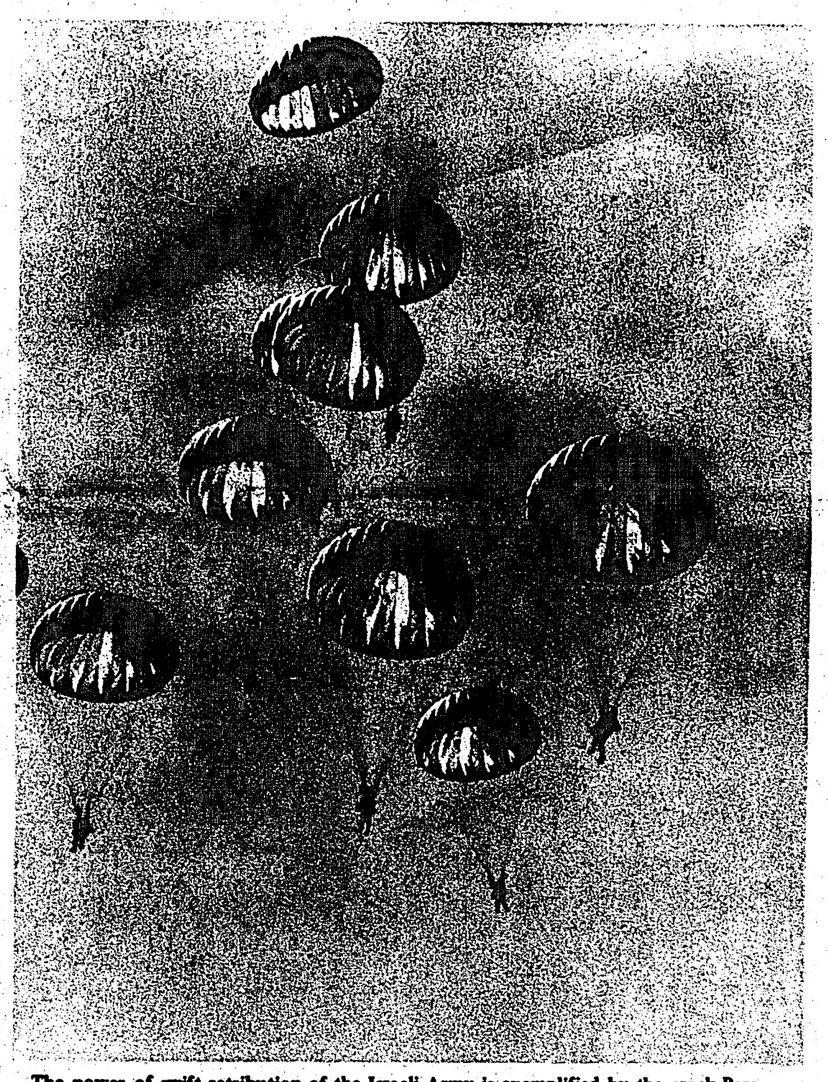
NEW YORK (JTA) –
Soviet authorities, "running scared," are trying to get Jewish activists out of Moscow before President Nixon arrives there for summit talks, according to Richard Maass, chairman of the National Conference on Soviet Jews.

Maass said that was the reason why 10 young Soviet Jews, "who represent the core of the most vocal young activists desiring to emigrate from the Soviet Union, have been called for active military service in the Soviet armed forces." Maass said it was "clear that the Soviet officials are using a device of military service to make sure that these men, who are among the 36 individuals who have requested a meeting with Nixon when he visits Moscow this month, will be unavailable."

Maass added that "This action of the Soviet officials focuses greater attention on the importance of President Nixon's visit" because "Soviet officials clearly demonstrate that they are sensitive to both internal and external pressures on behalf of Soviet Jewry."

Jerry Goodman, executive director of the NCSJ, expressed fear that "this new punitive tactic by the Soviet Union may extend to other Jews in other cities who dare to demand their legal rights."

(In Toronto, Rabbi Stuart Rosenberg of Beth Tzedec Synagogue said a contact in Moscow telephoned him a short time ago with the news that houses in the area of Moscow's Great Synagogue were being razed to make way for a military garrison. Passages leading to the square in which the synagogue is located were being boarded up, the rabbi was told.



The power of swift retribution of the Israeli Army is exemplified by the crack Parachute Corps, shown here in a practice jump at recent manouvres. The paratroopers played an important role in Israel's battles against Arab forces. IPPA photo

Israel mission in Canada hopes to increase trade

From our Quebec Bureau

MONTREAL –
A 21-man trade delegation headed by Dr. Avraham Neaman, president of the Industrial Development Bank of Israel, arrived in Montreal last Monday to begin the first leg of a seven day tour of Canada. The delegation also visited Ottawa and Toronto.

On Monday night, Guy St. Pierre, Quebec's minister of industry and commerce, hosted a reception in honor of the trade mission, and on Tuesday the Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce and Industry held a luncheon at Commerce House.

The luncheon was followed by a series of meetings between Canadian businessmen and delegation members in order to faciliate direct commercial negotiations.

The trade mission – the first in 10 years – is a return visit because of a Canadian trade delegation tour of Israel in June, 1971.

Canada is one of Israel's 10 main commercial partners, with exports from both countries nearing the total volume mark of $35 million.

The trade mission follows a visit by Canadian Trade Minister Jean-Luc Pepin to Israel last January. In Israel, Pepin agreed in principle to a loan of $100 million from the Canadian Export Development Corporation to finance the sale of capital goods and services.

The delegation is composed of representatives from the manufacturing, exporting, importing, and transportation segments of the Israeli market, including construction, textiles, precious stones, and travel.

In the early years of Canada-Israel trade, Canada was mainly a supplier of agricultural products and raw materials. With the economic development of Israel, Canada now exports industrial machinery, electric power generators, and transportation equipment.

New building for Montreal AJCS

By MARK MEDICOFF
CJN Quebec Bureau Chief

MONTREAL –
Plans for the construction of a $2 million Allied Jewish Community Services building located across from the Saidye Bronfman Centre on Cote St. Catherine Road were officially unveiled last week by Gordon Brown, chairman of the building committee, following a board of trustees meeting.

Date for the completion of the yet-un-named building is for June 1973.

Administrative offices and agencies presently located at the "493" building will be moved in June to temporary quarters at the nurse's residences wing of the Jewish General Hospital. Nursing instruction at all hospitals has been phased out, with students attending community colleges for their nursing degree.

According to Brown, the construction costs for the building will not be raised through public subscription, but as a result of the sale of the present building, the sale of the Jewish Public Library several years ago, and a private donor.

"We would not have been able to build it," said Brown, who is also president of the United Israel Appeal, "if we had to approach the community. This condition was established at the very outset, in view of the funds required during Israel's emergency." (Cont'd on Page 2)

Organizations and People

Waldheim leads peace iniative

UNITED NATIONS (JTA) - United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim has apparently taken over the reins, at least temporarily, from UN mediator Gunnar V. Jarring in an attempt to break the impasse over Middle East peace negotiations.

While the Jarring mission has not been written off, Waldheim is known to have approached the Israeli and Egyptian ambassadors to the UN separately last week with a proposal for a Mid-east peace conference which he indicated he would be willing to chair.

The idea was broached to Israel's Ambassador Yosef Tekoah and Egypt's Ambassador Ahmed Abdel Maguid. Waldheim's plan reportedly would involve Israel, Egypt, Jordan and Syria in talks of some sort, probably indirect to begin with, but with direct contacts at later stages.

According to reports from Jerusalem, consultations are taking place over Waldheim's proposal but no position has been formulated by the Israel government. There has been no indication of what the Arab position is.

AJCS building (Cont'd from Page 1)

Plans were set into motion after the Federated Appeal of Greater Montreal - a co-ordinating and fund-raising body serving 119 agencies in the community at large - announced their decision to purchase the present building and the parking lot at the rear.

The Jewish Vocational Service will maintain their offices in the building - free of rent - until the new centre has been constructed. FAGM has also offered a share arrangement plan with AJCS to permit AJCS the use of conference rooms during the one year move.

Brown said the '493' building "has become completely inadequate of AJCS operations," and that the building's location, in downtown Montreal, is not suited for the Jewish population.

"We have to move towards our people," he stressed, "not away from them."

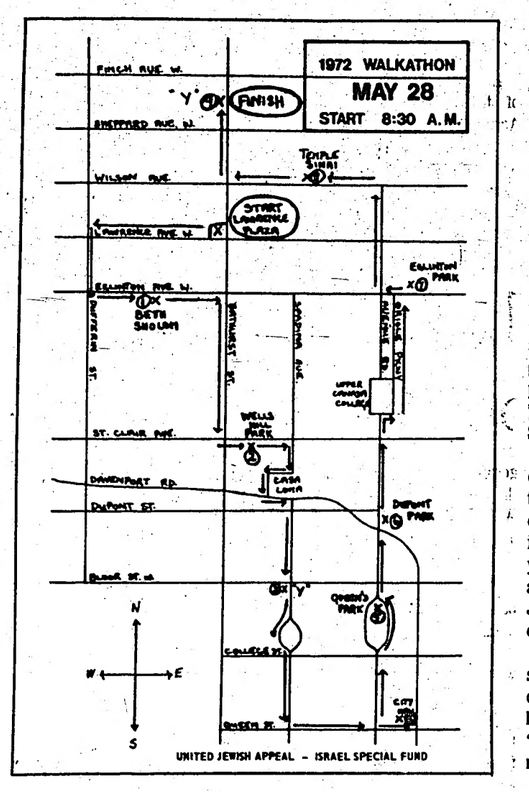
The new 86,000 square feet building will house agencies presently occupying leased space elsewhere in the community. As a result of the new building rental costs are expected to be reduced considerably, with terms based mn only what is absolutely necessary to operate the building.

Designed by Montreal architect H.M. Tolchinsky, the ground floor of the 4-storey building will house the Jewish Public library, and an auditorium geared for senior citizen needs. The administration offices will be housed on the fourth floor, while the Golden Age Association, the Jewish Vocational Service, the Baron de Hirsch Institute, the Jewish Immigrant Aid Service, and the Jewish Community Camps will be located in the centre two levels.

The organization of space has been described by one AJCS official as a "logistical event," since every agency was represented during the planning process.

"We made a demographic survey," said Brown, "which prognosticated that the building will be functional, as far as servicing the Jewish community, for over 25 years."

He added that after those years the community will be in a position, if necessary, "to sell the site as a first class office building."



Walkathon hints (Cont'd from Page 1)

To get in condition beforehand, Dr. Rosenthal says that participants should walk each day and gradually build up a level for the walkathon. "Most of these kids are pretty sedentary all year round," he stated, "and have no conception of what 22 miles on pavement really feels like."

After the walk Dr. Rosenthal suggests a good hot bath and a gentle foot massage with cream. If there are any blisters, he said they should not be broken. They will break by themselves, eliminating the risk of infection.

If at all possible, Dr. Rosenthal advises that an arrangement could be made whereby parents would meet their children at one of the later checkpoints with an extra pair of shoes, or just see whether or not the child is able to complete the walk. "This is not an endurance contest," he emphasized.

By following these simple rules, the walkathon can be an exhilarating experience for UJA-ISF walkers of all ages.

Seek sponsors for walkathon

TORONTO - Participants in the third annual UJA-ISF walkathon will, in the next few days, approach members of the community to sponsor them and it's expected they will get the same generous support experienced in the past. The walkathon takes place on Sunday, May 28.

If past performance is any criterion, sponsors will contribute anywhere from one cent to $100 per mile walked in the 22-mile hike. Last year's walkathon brought in about $110,000 for the United Jewish Appeal-Israel Special Fund.

"Anybody can be a sponsor," according to walkathon co-chairmen Morton Goldhar and Dr. Gerry Sugar. "And you can sponsor as many walkers as you wish."

While it is likely that most of the participants will seek out their own sponsors, any member of the community who wants to be a sponsor but who isn't approached, should contact the UJA office at 363-7190. "We'll be happy to arrange a sponsorship," said the co-chairmen.

Sponsor sheets are now being distributed. Sponsors will be asked to sign them, indicating their pledge per mile.

Walkers will report at nine checkpoints where "passports" issued to them will be verified by walkathon officials. After the walk, the participants will call back on their sponsors, show them how many miles they walked and collect. Sponsors will get receipts from the UJA-ISF for donations of $2 and over.

The walkathon gets under way at 8.30 a.m. from Lawrence Plaza, at Lawrence and Bathurst.

Social Notes

The forthcoming marriage is announced of **Resa Beth Frimer**, daughter of **Mrs. Ben Kaminker** and the late **Mr. Ben Frimer** to **Marshall**, son of **Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kochberg**. The wedding will take place on May 21, 1972.

Bresnark-Sotto - On Sunday, April 30, 1972, in Beth Sholom Synagogue, by Rabbi Dr. D. Monson, **Rose**, daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. R. Sotto**, to **Leslie**, son of **Mrs. Lea Bresnark**.

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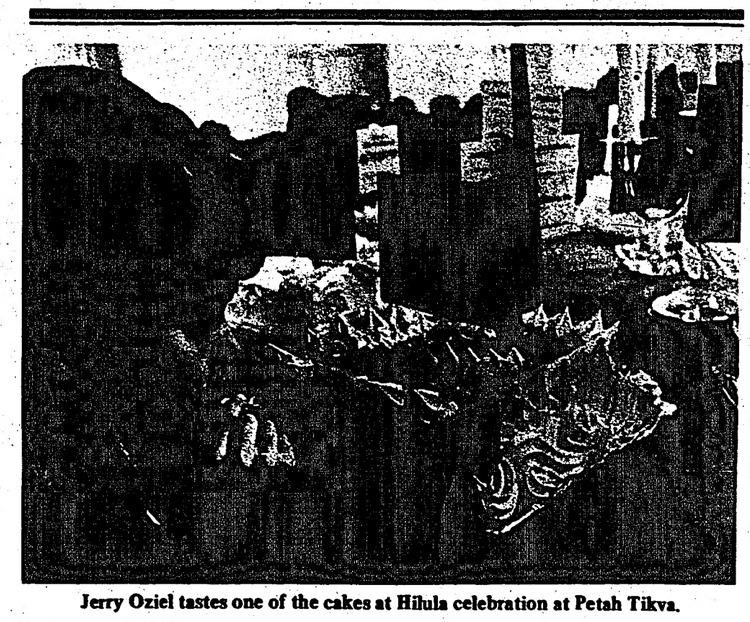
by Miriam Herman



Jerry Oziel tastes one of the cakes at Hilula celebration at Petah Tikva.

HILULA SHIMON BAR-YAHOI

On Monday, May 1, a special Maariv service was held at Petah Tikva Congregation in celebration of Lag B'Omer. After the service, members offered cakes, flowers and candles in memory of the Tzadikim they feel devoted to, especially to the memory of Rabbi Shimon Bar-Yohai. The cakes and flowers were later auctioned, the proceeds going to the synagogue fund.

SYRIAN JEWS IN PERIL

The newly-formed Student Action Committee for Syrian Jews has released the latest list of Jews in Syrian jails. Most of the prisoners are in their 20's and many have never been tried or charged. Letters and postcards can help keep up the pressure until all Syrian Jews are released. For postcards, names and further information write to S.A.C.SY.J., 464 Ellerslie Avenue.

INFORMATION CLINIC

The Tuesday Clinic is now open every Tuesday evening from 7:30 - 10 p.m. at the northern YM&YWHA. Confidential information about birth control, venereal disease, legal questions, family or personal problems, or vocational counselling, is available to teenagers and adults, free of charge.

FROM HADASSAH - WITH LOVE

Tuesday, May 2, was National Solidarity Day for Canadian Hadassah and the Federated Zionist Organization of Toronto. On that day telephone calls to Jews in the Soviet Union were placed from 15 communities across the country as part of Hadassah's newly-formed public affairs department. The Toronto call was made from the home of Mrs. Jerry Grafstein, public affairs chairman for Toronto.

ART SHOW

An art show (and sale) on themes of Jewish interest is being sponsored by the Ner Israel Junior Auxiliary on Sunday, May 14, from 1-5 p.m., at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Erez, 10 Coreydale Ct., Willowdale.

THANK YOU TO SWEDEN

Beth Sholom Brotherhood's annual Humanitarian Award goes this year to the royal family and the government of Sweden for granting asylum to about 7,000 Jewish men, women and children from occupied Denmark during the Second World War. Ake Malmaeus Swedish ambassador to Canada will receive the award in the name of the people of Sweden at the 22nd annual award dinner on Tuesday, May 16, at the synagogue.

MARIJUANA - YES OR NO?

Should marijuana be legalized? For answers to your questions about the drug scene Sportsmen Lodge of B'nai B'rith has arranged a panel of experts - Dr. Lionel Solursh, chief psychiatrist at Western Hospital; Deputy Police Chief John Ackroyd, criminal lawyer David G. Humphrey, to name a few - to discuss the issue from both points of view. The meeting takes place on Tuesday, May 16 at 8:30 p.m. at Yorkdale Holiday Inn.

STUDENTS MEET IN MONTREAL

A tri-high school convention planned and organized by the student councils of the Hebrew Academy and the Herziliah High School of Montreal and the Toronto Associated Schools will be held in Montreal this weekend. Over 120 students are expected to participate in the three-day meet which will include services, shabbot, speakers and a friendly get together.

Students win bible contest

TORONTO -

Toronto students have come home from New York with a second and two thirds in the annual national bible contest.

Thirteen students went to New York from Toronto to compete against youngsters from 48 U.S. and Canadian communities. More than 30,000 students across North America participated in the 13th annual contest.

Leora Marcovitz, student of the Community Hebrew Academy, won third place in the advanced Hebrew division seniors. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chaim Marcovitz of Downsview.

Mindy Wenner, a student of the elementary day school of Associated, won third place in the advanced Hebrew juniors. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Wenner of Willowdale.

Danny Eisen, Junior Day High School student, captured second in the advanced Hebrew Juniors. He is son of Professor and Mrs. Sydney Eisen, Willowdale.

The students were guided in their studies by Avshalon Grafi, an exchange teacher from Israel on the staff at the Academy and Junior High of Associated.

Leora Marcovitz of Toronto shows the third place certificate she brought home from the annual national bible contest in New York. With her are Mindy Wenner who won third place award and Danny Eisen who captured a second place.

Japanese bagels 'strange looking'

By GARY LAFORET

TORONTO -

Getting good Jewish food in Japan is like trying to find a needle in a haystack, but Tokyo's still home to Shirley Gilbert, formerly of Toronto.

Here last week, for a visit with her parents, Mrs. Gilbert, who has made her home in Japan's capital since she was married nine years ago, told The CJN: "They do have bagels there, but they're strange looking things."

Because there's only one Jewish delicatessen - owned by Anne Denkin originally from the Bronx - in all of Tokyo, it's very hard to keep kosher.

"There's one wealthy woman who does, though. She buys meat from the States by the carload and holds an open house every Friday, for the Jewish families."

Mrs. Gilbert, her husband Arnold and their children, Lisa, 5, and Jason, 3, attend the synagogue of the Jewish community centre in Tokyo.

The country's only synagogue, it was established at the turn of the century by White Russian immigrants and boasts a congregation of 150 families.

Mrs. Gilbert, whose husband is a manager for a U.S. drug firm in Japan, is currently doing advertising work for Max Factor Cosmetics.

She has also enjoyed more than a little success as a freelance journalist, acting as a correspondent for the now defunct Toronto Telegram and reporting on the winter olympics at Sapporo for the wire service, United Press International.

Trilingual, herself - speaking English, Yiddish and Japanese - she says her children have become more fluent in Japanese than English from watching television there.

And it seems the kids have picked up a few Japanese customs, as well.

During their Toronto visit, she says, they've embarassed her a little by taking off their shoes before entering buildings, and bowing to people they meet.

Chas. Kent elected new JNF president

TORONTO -

Charles A. Kent, who has been active in the Jewish National Fund since he was a youngster putting pennies in the pushka (blue box), has been elected Toronto JNF president. He succeeds Eric Exton who becomes chairman of the board.

Kent is president and general manager of Kent Drugs Ltd. On the community scene he is active in many areas and on many levels. In addition to his responsibilities to JNF, he is president of the Toronto Zionist Council and a vice-president of the Jewish Immigrant Aid Services.

Of his new position Kent says that JNF is more than planting trees. "It is our job to prepare the barren land and make it liveable."

Charles A. Kent

. . . about people

Senator Paul Martin

Government leader in the senate **Paul Martin** will be the keynote speaker at the Windsor (his home town) Negev dinner honoring **Morris Tabachnick** on Wednesday, June 7. Serving Canada for the past 35 years, Mr. Martin held the secretary of state, national health and welfare and external affairs portfolios before his appointment to the senate in 1968.

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Toronto sculptor **Sorel Etrog** was in New York last week for the opening of his Eye Screw collection - painted bronze and white marble - at the Staempli Galleries there. Joining the Etrogs on the trip down were the **Ben Dunklemans** and **Albert Latner** accompanied by his three children.

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Professor Emil Fackenheim, much in the news these days, will be at B'nai Torah Congregation on Patricia Ave., Willowdale, on Tuesday, May 16, at 8:30 p.m. to talk about **The Acceptance of a Degree - An Explanation!**

A leading British authority on aging is coming in from London, England, to speak at Baycrest Centre on Wednesday, May 17, at 8:30 p.m. **Dr. Alex Comfort**, director of London's medical research group on aging and a biologist, poet and novelist besides, will be discussing **Is There a Prescription for Longevity?**.

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Milton Friedman

Appointments of note - **David Benatar**, as president of Petah Tikva Congregation. Montrealer **Dave Segal**, as president of B'nai B'rith Eastern Regional Council (stretching from Quebec to and including the Maritimes). Toronto Jewish Vocational Service executive director **Milton Friedman**, to the board of directors and chairmanship of the international activities of the International Association of Rehabilitation Facilities, which represents more than 600 rehabilitation and sheltered workshop organizations in Canada and the U.S. with headquarters in Washington, D.C.

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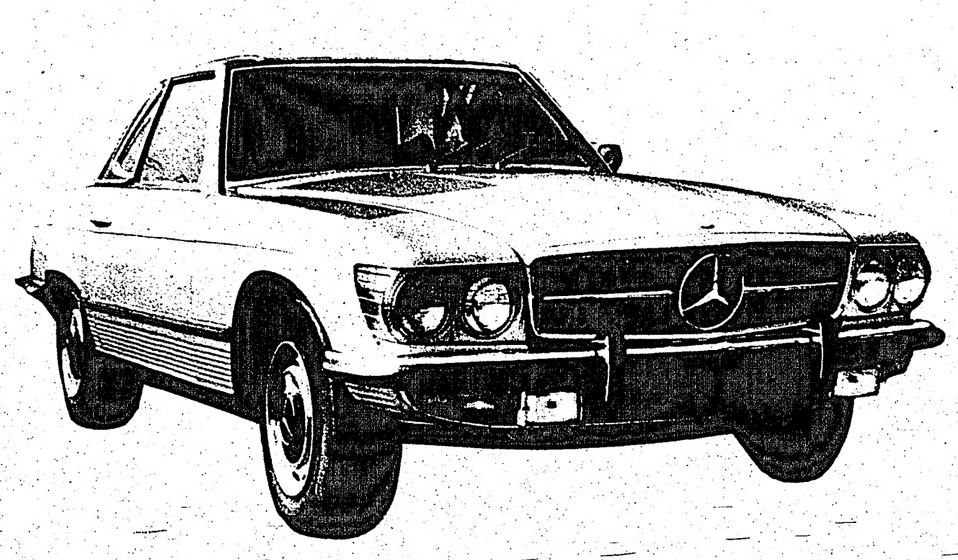

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An Editorial by W. Gunther Plaut

Church statement fails to deal with Observer's future policy

The 57-member executive of the United Church of Canada recently passed a statement which dealt with the church's growing alienation from the Jewish community. In evaluating the pronouncement we need to recognize that the United Church is no single-minded monolithic structure. However, the statement is meant as a collective expression, and while we know that there were those in the executive who would have liked to frame it differently, we must deal with it for what it says and for what it fails to say.

The statement is clearly meant to open the way to reconciliation, a development which Jews desire no less than do the leaders of the church. The seriousness with which they address themselves to the question of anti-Semitism is therefore to be welcomed as an opportunity for the re-establishment of dialogue. But true dialogue can take place only on the basis of total frankness, and frankness compels us to say that the statement regrettably falls short of what we had hoped it might have said.

It failed to note unambiguously (though it hinted) that the alienation between our two faith communities was largely due to the silence of the United Church leadership in the face of five years of consistently one-sided tendentious and lately scurrilous attacks on Zionism and the Jewish homeland. "This deterioration (says the executive) has been due in part to our church's deep conviction that the quality of freedom of belief and utterance in our church must not be repudiated."

But where is the freedom of countervailing opinions? Are we to conclude that the leaders of the church consider the editor's writings (Rev. A.C. Forrest) and the articles he has published (in **The United Church Observer**) as expressions of their own religious concerns? By their silence on this matter, both in the past and now, they have led many to believe that this is indeed the case. We scanned the statement, and it makes no disavowal of the editor's policies.

Especially did the leaders of the church have a responsibility to disavow publicly and specifically the implications of the article by John Nicholls Booth, featured in the March issue of **The Observer**, which trotted out some of the worst stereotypes and slandered a large body of the Jewish people by depicting them as secret international conspirators. We are disappointed and saddened that the leaders could not find it possible to say "no" to such dirt.

They recognize "that we live in a society where racism, including anti-Semitism permeates much of our common life," and affirm their determination to purge themselves and society "of conscious and unconscious racism." It would have helped to clear the air had the statement pointed out that all too frequently anti-Zionism (as distinguished from ordinary criticism of Israel's policies) has become the cover for anti-Semitism, and that **The Observer's** tendency to depict Zionism as an historical evil has strengthened the heritage of latent and overt anti-Semitism in many readers.

Surely, given the bitter facts of history, any material which evokes such sentiments ought to be firmly out of bounds in a Christian publication.

Finally, the pronouncement nowhere indicates what the church proposes to do with and about **The United Church Observer**. Will they persist in letting matters go on as before? We are entitled to ask: "Now that you have made this statement of conscience, what will you proceed to do to effectuate its avowed purposes?"

We are waiting.

Emotional scenes of reunion between newly arrived immigrants from Russia and their Israeli relatives at Lod Airport have become a familiar occurrence in Israel today.

Rumania will not permit the persecution of Jews

LONDON (JCNS) –

Rumania, the first East European country to be visited by an Israeli Prime Minister, is in many ways unique in regard to recent Jewish history.

It was unique for the Chief Rabbi of a country in Nazi-dominated Europe to succeed in getting annulled Eichmann's orders to deport its Jews to the extermination camps in Poland. This, in the spring of 1942, is exactly what Rabbi Alexander Safran (now the Chief Rabbi of Geneva) achieved by securing the intervention with the Rumanian dictator, Ion Antonescu, of the Archbishop of Transylvania, the Queen Mother, the Papal Nunico, the Swiss Ambassador and others.

When Rumania changed sides and joined the allies in 1944, about half of its pre-World War II Jewish population of 800,000 had survived the Holocaust. It became the largest Jewish community in Eastern Europe, outside Russia.

It also provided the largest numbers of Jews emigrating from any Communist country: out of a Jewish population of 428,000 in 1947, about 310,000 had left Rumania by the end of the sixties. About 230,000 emigrated to Israel and 80,000 to other countries. Today, Rumanian Jewry numbers no more than 100,000.

The situation of Rumanian Jewry has by now reached a certain stability although it has not yet recovered from its steady numerical decrease over two decades. The Federation of Communities of the Jewish Religion, approved by the authorities in 1949, gradually became the only Jewish representative body in the country. This process was accompanied by the strengthening of the position of the Chief Rabbi, Dr. Moses Rosen, who in 1964, was appointed both chairman of the Federation and a member of the National Assembly. Dr. Rosen's high standing with the authorities has allowed him a measure of independence in communal life unique among the Communist countries of Eastern Europe.

Today Rumania's Jews live in 76 communities and have 183 synagogues (compare this with the 60-odd synagogues for the millions of Soviet Jews). About half of the country's Jews, 50,000 live in Bucharest, where 19 synagogues still function. While these numbers show a religious vitality non-existent in any other Jewish community in Eastern Europe, the community's numerical decline can be gauged by comparison with the official figures in 1960, when there were twice as many communities (153), with 841 synagogues and batei midrash (prayer houses).

The authorities are well aware of the pressures exerted by the young generation of Rumanians, who covet positions now occupied by Jews, but no anti-Semitic outbursts are allowed. All the same, some Jews must have felt over the years that their positions sometimes quite prominent are rather precarious. This feeling evidently played its part in the emigration of people who otherwise might have been ideal candidates for assimilation.

Rumania refused to condemn Israel at the meeting of the East European States which took place in Moscow following the Six-Day War and did not sever diplomatic relations with Israel. This was followed by a considerable improvement in relations between both States, enhanced by an increase in trade and economic relations, and the expansion of cultural relations and tourism. In 1969, Rumania and Israel raised diplomatic missions to the rank of embassies.

ask the rabbi

Why blessings can be recited by non-Cohanim

1. Can you explain why ministers recite the priestly blessing over bar mitzvah boys and congregants when the blessing is apparently exclusively reserved for Cohanim on Holy day occasions?

RESPONSE:

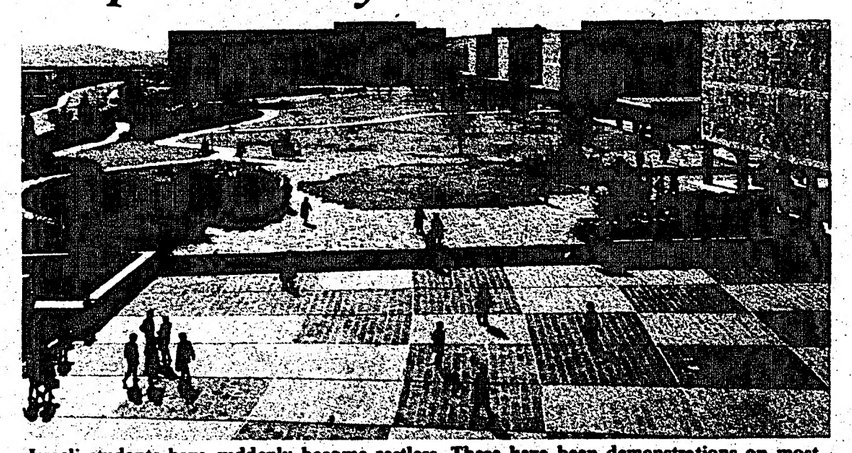
In a Talmudic passage (Shabbat 118b) it is recorded that R. Jose said: "I have never gone against the wishes of my colleagues. I know full well that I am not a Cohen, yet if my colleagues instructed me to ascend to the duchan (the platform upon which the priests recite their blessing) I would ascend." From this it would seem that a non-Cohen is allowed to recite the priestly blessing. Indeed, the medieval French scholars known as the Tosafists, in their comment to this passage, ask what possible objection can there be to a non-Cohen reciting the priestly blessing?

However, from another Talmudic passage (Ketubot 24b, see Rashi), it would appear that there is a prohibition for a non-Cohen to recite the priestly blessing because Scripture says: "Ye (the Cohanim) shall bless the children of Israel" (Numbers 6,23), implying that the blessing must only be given by Cohanim. In some texts of the R. Jose passage the reading is: "I know full well that I am not worthy" (kedai instead of kohen) and, according to this version, the duchan referred to is a raised platform on which distinguished persons sat.

In spite of all this it is the custom everywhere in the Jewish world for parents to use the priestly blessing when blessing their children (see e.g., Singer's Prayer Book, new edition, page 167), even if they are not Cohanim, and the same applies to teachers blessing their disciples. Evidently, a distinction is made between duchaning proper, which is reserved for Cohanim and forbidden to others, and the blessing of parents and teachers in an unofficial manner.

The minister's blessing of a bar mitzvah and so forth is consequently unobjectionable since he does not recite it at the time of duchaning.

Student protests shatter calm; campuses hit by demonstrations



Israeli students have suddenly become restless. There have been demonstrations on most campuses and attempts to "liberate" offices and lecture halls. This is the Hebrew University campus in Jerusalem.

By NECHEMIA MEYERS

TEL AVIV –

When American and European campuses were seething with student unrest two and three years ago, most Israelis were smugly asserting, "it can't happen here." Local students, they argued, are too old to demonstrate, too preoccupied with personal and national problems to wave banners or organize strikes.

Yet this year, with overseas universities tranquil once again, Israeli students have suddenly become restless. There have been demonstrations on most campuses and even attempts, in the best overseas tradition, to "liberate" offices and lecture halls. Bilingual banners have also been much in evidence, the English ones proclaiming, inevitably, "we shall overcome."

Strangest of all, the longest student strike - lasting almost three weeks - and the rowdiest demonstrations have taken place at Bar-Ilan University, a normally quiet Orthodox institution where the boys are expected to wear skullcaps and the girls to dress demurely. Trouble started there when the students learned that Rector Menahem Zvi Kadari was insisting that professors stop giving so many high grades. And undergraduate rage really grew intense when Kadari first turned down the major student demands and then, when a strike was called, blithely left the country on a previously arranged tour.

Israeli campus disputes, unlike many in the U.S. and Europe, have so far been concerned entirely with university issues, focussing mainly on outdated teaching methods, plans for higher tuition fees and student influence over policy-making; no strike has been called over general economic or political issues. The professors in general are more active politically and further to the left than their students, who are led for the most part by supporters of the right-wing Gahal Bloc.

The only exception to this rule is Haifa University, where left-wing candidates unexpectedly won 33 out of 40 student council seats at elections held last month. The victors are an unusual coalition of immigrants (mainly Castro-influenced Latin Americans), Arabs and a few Sabras from the kibbutzim and cities. As the Haifa leftists have already made clear, they will attempt to steer student discontent into political channels.

On one issue, jobs for graduates, they might just succeed. Israel's university population, now some 50,000, has grown by 500% in just over a decade, much faster than the increase in job opportunities for university graduates. This is particularly true in such oversupplied fields as law and medicine (Israel has far more doctors and lawyers in proportion to her population than any other country).

It is hard to visualize in such circumstances how positions will be found for the several hundred new M.D.'s annually turned out by local medical schools, for the Israelis studying medicine overseas (1,400 in Italy alone) and for doctors coming from abroad (350 just from Russia in the last year or so).

Though Israel, as a democracy, cannot force her citizens to work in fields where there is a severe shortage of labor (the building trades, the textile industry, the hotels), there would appear to be little justification for a further expansion of facilities to train people for jobs they are never likely to obtain.

Israelis resent lengthy state mourning

By MOSHE RON
CJN Israel Correspondent

After mourning ended for the late chairman of the Knesset, Reuven Barkatt, it can already be revealed how state mourning of 48 hours was enforced on the population of Israel. A government commission had long ago fixed funeral ceremonies for three State leaders: the president, chairman of the Knesset and the prime minister. But the reality has proved that there is no purpose in proclaiming general mourning which cannot be shared by the population.

The chairman of the Knesset died on the eve of the last day of Passover. On the seventh day of Passover during 'Yizkor', a government official approached me in the synagogue and told me confidentially he had heard that a prominent personality had died the previous night. As the radio and TV do not report cases of death on the Sabbath and holidays, rumours spread all over the country that David Ben Gurion had died. The radio had to broadcast the news several times that the Israeli Ambassador to the U.S.A., Yitzhak Rabin (who was in Israel at the time) had visited David Ben Gurion and had talked with him. In this way, the radio denied the rumors.

Only when the holiday ended, did the Israeli radio announce in the evening the death of the chairman of the Knesset. It also reported that there would be state mourning for 48 hours until the funeral took place. All radio and TV programs were changed. There was no light music nor entertainment, only music appropriate to the occasion.

The embittered population protested in the newspapers against the enforced extended mourning. At the last minute, closure of cinemas, theatres and concert halls was avoided. Even on El Al's jumbo flight, mourning was proclaimed and there was no music or films.

The next evening, when the coffin was lying in State in the Knesset, only a few people passed by to pay tribute. The same thing happened at the funeral. Many roads in Jerusalem were closed and hundreds of soldiers and policemen were on duty to keep order during the funeral. Doctors and nurses were kept on the alert. Hundreds of government officials could not reach their offices due to the closure of streets, and could not get to work. Later it turned out that all this was unnecessary. Only a few people took part in the funeral. The streets through which the cortege passed were empty. Of the VIPs invited, only half turned up.

After the funeral, many critical editorials appeared in Israeli newspapers. **Ha'aretz** wrote that the chairman died on Tuesday evening. On the Wednesday, (the seventh day of Passover), the radio broadcast light music the whole day and only on Wednesday evening, after the holiday, was national mourning proclaimed.

Few could understand why the radio and TV had to stop their program for 48 hours. It was not an expression of national feeling of mourning, but a lack of taste on the part of the country's leaders. It was absurd, considering the fact that many thousands had been killed on the front, the destroyer Eilat and the submarine Dakar were sunk with hundreds of officers and men aboard, and never were radio and TV entertainment stopped, although the nation was really mourning. This form of enforced mourning did no honor to the memory of Reuven Barkatt.

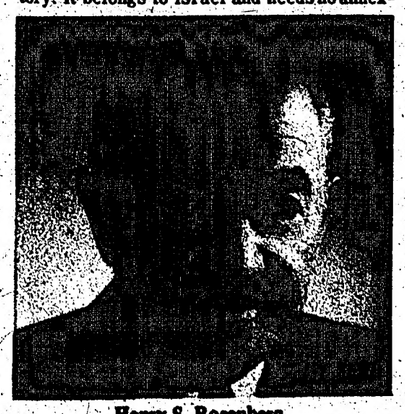
No easy solution

Peace plan of a veteran Zionist

By HENRY S. ROSENBERG

I hope it will not be considered presumptuous of me, an active Zionist for over 50 years and the father of two, and grandfather of four residents of Israel, one of whom is in the Israeli Army, if I express an opinion on the Middle East.

We should stop using the word "annex". The Balfour Declaration and the League of Nations Mandate established Palestine as a National Home for the Jewish people. In 1948 the Arab Legion and the Jordanian Army wrongfully tore away Samaria and Judea (the West Bank) from the Jewish Homeland. In 1967 the Israeli army recovered this territory. It belongs to Israel and needs no annexation. Title never passed to Jordan or to Egypt.



Henry S. Rosenberg

Now there is an opportunity for a peace treaty between Israel and Jordan and to help the Palestinians. Let the Jordan River be the boundary. There can be a non-aggression pact between Israel and Jordan and even an alliance to help each other if attacked. There can be a free trade or Common Market agreement and an agreement giving Jordan access to the Mediterranean and arranging for mutual economic and social assistance. Free access for all to Holy Places.

What about the Palestinians and the fear by some Israelis of becoming a minority? Let the Palestinians have independence. Let them have two independent and self-governing states - the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. Then let there be a federal union between the three states, the West Bank (for Palestine) Gaza and Israel. All the citizens of Gaza and West Bank to be Israeli citizens with full voting rights and full right to travel and or live in any part of Israel. Any Arab whose property or land is now occupied by anyone else, is to receive full compensation. Citizens of Gaza and West Bank to have members of federal cabinet and of federal judiciary in proportion to the number of their representatives in the federal Knesset.

The problem is not a simple one and the implementation of the idea is not easy. Yet, if the parties agree that the war is doing no one any good and that peace is inevitable, honest and sincere negotiation at a common table can work wonders.

Opinion

'My son the doctor'

By J. B. SALSBERG

There is no denying that Jewish parents always aimed high where their children's future was concerned. While the aim was always lofty, the mountain peaks selected varied with the changing way of life and values.

For centuries, the rabbinate was the universal aim of Jewish parents. If you realize that rabbis, more often than not, lived in genteel poverty in those long forgotten years, then you will appreciate what noble forefathers our forefathers had. . . .

In modern times, however, things changed and being able to say, "my son the doctor," was the pinnacle of a Jewish mother's nirvana.

Mind you, for a little while quite a few Jewish parents were torn between the attractions of the medical profession and the violin for their future support and naches. The splash which the brilliant, world famous, "Russian violin virtuosos", called variously Misha, Sasha, Tasha and Yasha, made was responsible for this dilemma. Every Jew knew of course, that those brilliant performers weren't Russians at all but nice Jewish boys who just happened to be born in Russia. We were also certain that their real names were Moshe, Shlomeh, Tevie and Yosef. So if they could do it why can't our Morris, Sammy, Teddy and Joey?

Well, the truth is that quite a few of our boys (and girls too, for that matter) did it alright in the musical world but, as my uncle Eliezer says: "Rich they didn't get from their playing and the houses they could afford to buy were only so, so. . . ." So it was the medical profession that really won hands down in the choice of the first generation of Jewish immigrants to this country. The doctorate was bestowed upon the little boys while they were still in primary school. It becomes quite common to criticize "the doctor" for breaking a window, for not studying and for behaving in a manner not becoming a "real doctor."

But whereas the majority of the non-Jewish medical students had to put up only with the difficulties of the course, the average Jewish boy in the medical school had many additional problems to contend with.

First, there was the unwritten numerus clausus restriction that drove the Jewish student to try for a near perfect scholastic record and second, there was an even greater challenge - the economic one. Most Jewish medical students in those days came from working class or small shopkeepers' homes. While the medical school fees were small, by present standards, so were the earnings and all "Jewish trades" were plagued by seasonal slacks that seriously disturbed peace of mind in Jewish homes. The Jewish medical student you may be sure was made fully aware of the sacrifices made by the entire family for his future.

The first shattering crisis was reached when "the doctor", having reached the mating age, began dating. If the girl came from a rich home then the boy's parents were literally purring and it was said that some budding doctors made sure to date none that would not make his parents happy. But love, as they say, is blind and many a future medico just ignored the practical problems that his parents were so conscious of and then the trouble started.

Mothers would begin by donning a mask of sadness and sighing within hearing distance of the son. Fathers would become speechless ghosts. If this strategy failed to work, sweet reasonableness would take over and again it would be the mother who probed the path.

"I don't say that she isn't a nice girl and I got nothing against her parents, they're nice people too. But she isn't the only nice girl in town. There are plenty of nice girls whose parents could help you out until you get on your feet." And if the son, the almost doctor, angrily told his mother to stop worrying about him, that he was quite able to take care of himself, then the mother would press her attack with deadly arguments.

"Yes, and who will rent an office for you? Who will furnish the office? Who will buy you the car that a doctor must have? And, tell me, who will help out with a few dollars until you get on your feet? Can your poor father do it? From the front room grocery we can do all that? Haven't we done enough?"

Such arguments would anger the young man but the inherent logic would also devastate him. Poor dad sweated at the steam press-iron at the Tip Top factory most of his years in Canada. Mother opened the "storke" in what was the "parlor" to help out. Can he expect more from his devoted parents?"

So what was such a young man, deeply in love, to do? It was easy enough for the young doctor from a well-to-do home; it was simple enough for a poor boy who married a rich girl; but what of the graduate from a poor home or, worse still, for such a one who also married a poor girl? What indeed was he to do? There was no health insurance in those days. There was no OHIP, no hospital insurance and no hospitals that a young Jewish doctor could work in.

What did such a one do? Wait, gentle reader, wait and you will be told the sad saga of many of the second generation of Jewish doctors in our community of old. Save your tears until next week.

Housing crisis due to system

Nishim Nissin, an official of the Amidar Housing Co., presents the official documents and the key of an apartment to the Buberman family from Russia outside the apartment building at Hod Hasharon. An acute housing shortage plagues the urban areas.

By ARTHUR F. GARMAISE

As the Israeli housing crisis becomes more serious, people ask why there isn't rental housing as a reasonable alternative to the soaring prices of apartments for sale. What they don't seem to realize is that the conditions for perpetuating the crisis are built into the Israeli system of pricing and sale. No builder in his right mind would abandon these conditions in favour of becoming an owner of rental apartments.

The builder holds all the trump cards; the purchaser is in a poor position to fight. The mortgage company would not make any advances until it was satisfied that quality and specifications were adhered to; the purchaser is committed to paying in advance or being subject to still further penalties. What builder would exchange this relationship for one where he is dependent on a mortgage company that can tell him what to do and how to do it?

From the point of view of dealing with the customer, Israel is a builder's paradise. His hell comes from dealing with his workmen, suppliers and the authorities. Why should he take the one satisfying area of his activity and turn it also into a hell of time, trouble, anxiety, expense and continuing responsibility as a landlord to a lot of complaining tenants?

Even if the returns on investment were the same - which they are decidedly not - far better to sell, build, and step away from the problems than be enmeshed with them and have every defect of construction come back to haunt one.

It is fairly clear from the foregoing that continuance of the present conditions will never see a large-scale diversion of building activity to construction for rental. Those who look to it as a way of breaking the cost spiral of apartments are deluding themselves.

The answer can only come from a massive glutting of the market with prefabricated homes on cheap land sopping up the excess demand and driving down prices, or compelling better, swifter and fairer construction from the builders themselves. Taxing their materials or their profits out of existence is not the answer; it would only lead to greater shortages through a reluctance to build. On the contrary, it should stay profitable - and easy for the small builder as well as the large - but profit should be a function of performance and not of sales conditions that can be imposed because of shortages. The present system favours the shortfall of completions vs starts that we see growing every year.

Will the true story about Kensington Market ever come to light?

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By BEN KAYFETZ

For some time now it has been open season for Toronto's Spadina Avenue and its offshoot the Kensington Market in the daily, weekly and periodical press. At one time when **The Toronto Star** and the late **Telegram** were both carrying TV and entertainment supplements, one could expect a contribution about every second or third week in either of these publications with the usual photographs of squawking ducks, a grizzly poultry shoichet with bloodied and feathered apron, and a montage of the Victory Burlesque, Shopsy's, and the high-rise garment lofts.

Because of the interest stimulated by all this writing bona-fide shoppers at Perlmutar's bakery have to fight their way to the counter amidst the throng of curiosity seekers and "tourists".

Magazine editors still haven't tired of assigning this story. As recent as February of this year, **Toronto Life** carried a story by Cathy Wismer with the same goal as all the other articles, attributing a by now trite atmosphere of glamor, crime, double-dealing and conspiratorial intrigue to this out-sized artery that runs down Toronto's sensitive spinal column a mile west of Yonge St.

Miss Wismer's article suffers from an overdose of the wide-eyed naivete that seeks color and exotic thrill at every corner and in every shop window and which goes breathless contemplating the Human Comedy that passes from Old Knox College down to Clarence Square. The older denizen of Spadina who reads it might feel akin to the character in Moliere's comedy who suddenly is told that all his life, unbeknownst to himself, he has been talking Prose!

Much is made in the familiar style of Ben Hecht and Mark Hellinger of the "pimp and the priest, artist and alcoholic" with suggestions juxtaposed of prostitution rings, razor slashings, street brawls and petty thefts.

Cornerstone of Spadina, according to the researches of Miss Wismer, is the Scott Mission, purveyor of food to the down-and-outers. Surprisingly, she fails to mention a cardinal point about its founder, the late Morris Zeidman - that this ordained Presbyterian clergyman, born in Czenstochow, was a meshumad - a converted Jew. (She does, however, manage to misspell his name consistently as Ziedman.) What is unintentionally amusing is how seriously and straight-faced she reports the glamor of the haberdasher who papers his walls with signed autographs of the "show-biz" greats.

A few of the features left unmentioned that escaped her attention:

- that the Standard Theatre (now the Victory Burlesque) is the only building in North America - perhaps the world - that was constructed for the purpose of housing a Yiddish theatre.

- that the Crescent Grill, as it was called, has as many Damon Runyon types as the drugstore at Dundas and Spadina (which, of course, doesn't lack them); the same applies even more so (with the addition of the occasional talmid chochem) to Ladowsky's United Bakeries.

- that the Homestead restaurant in its day was a real centre of the bohemian-intellectual elite.

- that the noted anarchist, Emma Goldman, used to lecture at the Labor Lyceum or other Spadina Avenue halls (to say nothing of Melech Ravitch, Leivik, Zalman Schneiur, Hayim Greenberg, Zerubovel and the entire galaxy of Jewish political and poetic figures.)

Moreover, this list could be expanded indefinitely for the irony is that there is history and color inscribed in every brick on the Avenue but not in the lurid tones and categories that Miss Wismer paints.

Some day an article will be written on Spadina that will truly tell its story. In the meantime editors will continue to assign the kind of article that paints the melodrama thick, heavy - and phony. In the meantime, editors, please - don't overwork the theme in such an underdone way!

This is one of the familiar scenes found in Kensington Market which has lost much of its Jewish atmosphere in recent years. Ben Kayfetz writes on this page about the true market which he says feature articles in the popular press do not depict.

Peace: phone calls at night

From The Jerusalem Post

JERUSALEM -

"I cannot tell you the exact date when there will be peace," Premier Golda Meir told Wilfred Jenks, visiting head of the International Labor Organization, in answer to his query, when they met recently. "I can, however, tell you when it will start."

That will be, she said, when President Sadat leaves instructions that he be awakened at night by his bedside phone, with reports on every Egyptian soldier killed or wounded. This, Mrs. Meir explained, has been the practice in Israel since the establishment of the State.

"When this practice is introduced in Egypt," the Premier continued, "I am sure they will start thinking about peace, as we are thinking about it."

Reader assails Jews' apathy, indifference

Dear Editor:

It was with a growing horror and a morbid fascination that I read the article by Prof. Birnbaum concerning the conversion of Jews.

Apparently certain groups are conducting a vigorous and forceful conversion campaign regardless of the damage done to family relations or of the consequences to Jewish-Christian relations. The deceit practised by these "truth lovers" is shocking but consistent with their "soul snatching mission."

The amazing part of this is the indifference and apathy exhibited by the Toronto Jewish Community in the face of this most dangerous threat. I hope that the P'eylim organization which was mentioned in the article will concentrate on these series of events. This is a challenge to the entire Jewish community and we should be united in supporting the groups who are combating this threat to the hilt both financially and morally.

M. Hoffman
Toronto

Dear Editor:

Toronto Jewry is split over Congress' mishandling of the Memorial Gathering, we and our children are harassed by newly-formed missionary groups, many of our teens are beset with drug problems, our youth are unfortunately over-represented in radical campus groups and under-represented in synagogues, our day schools don't really know where their next dollar will come from; and within the above framework of internal Jewish Community chaos, our Jewish leaders concern themselves with whether or not the United Church really loves us!

History has shown that Judeo-Christian dialogue is but a dream and history has proven that whenever Jews assimilate to the degree that they feel accepted in the 'goyishe' world, the ultimate result is the emergence of a Hitler or an Inquisition, Chas V'Sholom.

David B. Woolf
Willowdale

Dear Editor:

It was not to be expected that Rev. A. C. Forrest would react other than he has, to Dr. Emil Fackenheim's charges. In addition to the unsubstantiated and gratuitous reference to "the anti-Christian stance of some Toronto Zionists", (the best defense is obviously to go on the offensive) Rev. Forrest is quoted as having said "sometimes I think Rabbi Fackenheim doesn't read what I wrote."

On previous occasions, when criticized for his **United Church Observer** editorializing, he has referred to Dr. Fackenheim as "irrational", Mrs. Dolores Nichols, wife of a United Church minister, was dismissed with the snide comment "if only she would read", Professor David Demson of Emmanuel College, U. of T., "got taken in by the Zionists", and former Israeli Ambassador to Canada, Gershon Avner's request for space to reply to Rev. Forrest was labelled as "nonsense".

Obviously, criticism is only valid and founded on truth when the reverend editor is "doing the pitching".

As for Rev. Forrest's suspicion that "St. Andrew's College is embarrassed by Rabbi Fackenheim's interpretation", I would be more inclined to think that the college might be embarrassed by Rev. Forrest's constant fulminations against Israel and Zionism.

Jav Jacobs
Downsview, Ont.

Dear Editor:

The persecutor of the Jewish people did not differentiate between those who did or did not observe Taryag Mitzvos, nor did they separate those who did or did not follow every "pintele" of the Shulchan Aruch ("Holocaust survivors should pray as one").

As a result, Dr. Bernard Shapiro would require that I too disregard the dictates of my Orthodoxy and pay no heed to Taryag Mitzvos or the Shulchan Aruch. And for what purpose? For the sake of an Orwellian unity imposed by some Divine will as revealed to the Canadian Jewish Congress? Is this the lesson we are to learn from the Holocaust?

It goes without saying that I share Dr. Shapiro's deep emotional reaction to the Holocaust. I do not, however, share his conviction that there is but one method of expressing that reaction. I will not assassinate Dr. Shapiro's character if he finds his expression in a poetry reading and a choral presentation. In return, I expect no more than a basic sensitivity to my right to express myself in the traditional Jewish manner - by Tefillah and Limud within the confines of a synagogue as defined by the Shulchan Aruch.

The causes of the Jewish community would be better served if Dr. Shapiro and the Canadian Jewish Congress would give up their attempts to impose a monolithic community unity which would require constituent elements to sacrifice their religious principles. Should we all attend Orthodox synagogues because they existed before the Reform and Conservative schism of 150 years ago? Should we all attend Orthodox day schools because they were exclusive in their field until just recently? They should rather strive to create a community harmony within which each group can give full expression to its particular ideals and aspirations while working together to further their common interests. As Dr. Shapiro has pointed out, Secular, Reform, Conservative and Orthodox Jews have co-operated in the past on issues of community importance which did not require any religious compromise.

One thing is clear. Be it unity or harmony, the causes of the Jewish community are not aided by the flippant and facetious kaddish comments of Sydney Harris or the implicit intolerance of Dr. Shapiro. Community leaders cannot, in the very words of Dr. Shapiro " . . . disregard the various colorations and persuasions that make up the beautiful fabric of our total Jewish community . . ." Orthodox Jewry is a founding father and vital part of that community. Until the Canadian Jewish Congress becomes sensitized to these realities, it can neither represent nor lead Toronto Jewry.

P. Alter
Toronto

Dear Editor:

I disagree with Chaim Jussman's letter of April 28 that your article on strippers was in very poor taste.

Your article on York sociologist Marilyn Salutin was fascinating and tastefully written in every respect and served to whet my appetite for the appearance of her forthcoming book.

What better place than the national news section of Canada's leading Jewish newspaper to reflect on the talent, sensitivity and ambition of a young lady so obviously prepared to help explain the fantastic explosion of new interest in nudity.

I respect your reporter, Georgina Cannon, for discovering this subject and congratulate you for your courage in printing it.

Donald S. Cowan
Toronto.

A challenge to Premier Davis

By Dr. STUART E. ROSENBERG

Premier Davis and those who stood at his side, making it seem that to help these so-called non-public, "private" schools was un-Canadian - Jewish Day Schools included - have just been made to look very foolish and even un-Canadian themselves by none other than the President of the United States.

Speaking just a month ago in Philadelphia, to the annual convention of the National Catholic Education Association, President Nixon - in spite of the very difficult and different American problem of church-state separation - had these remarkable words to say. And he said it to the top leaders of Catholic parochial school protagonists. I respectfully suggest, Mr. Davis, that you take notes.

Said the President of the United States out loud: "We, in America, require the presence of a vigorous, diverse, competitive private school system. . . . I believe that the future of 'non-public' education cannot be divorced from the future of the American city. . . . I am irrevocably committed to the proposition that America needs her non-public schools, that these non-public schools need help, and that we must and will find ways and means to provide that help. . . . We share a great obligation: to improve the public school system of this country, while preserving the non-public schools - and in that obligation we shall not fail."

Can Mr. Davis say or do less now? Will he allow good and great schools built by the pennies and dimes of dedicated parents, children and teachers - Catholic, Protestant and Jewish - to remain merely a dead political, instead of a lively human issue? How much longer will he proclaim that he believes in the education of all - and then, much, much less than America's Chief executive - where the law has many pitfalls for such help - still refuse to help a single child whose parents have opted for Jewish (or Protestant) Day Schools?

How can we be expected to take seriously the oft-repeated Canadian slogans of multi-culturalism - of us being different from the "melting pot" of the U.S.? Here, the politicians of all parties say we are a diverse and brilliant composition of a Canadian mosaic of different and great cultures. But they do nothing about it when it comes to children's education.

Premier William Davis

Robert Stanfield, just last week, speaking again of the "greatness of multi-culturalism" actually called for the establishment of a national body of cultural communities to advance multi-culturalism. Bravo! But what about the children, the children!

Who, (in Ontario, at least) can take such rhetoric seriously, as long as we continue to say and to do much less than the President of the United States has already committed himself to doing? To help the schools which make up the very fabric of diversity. After all, religion is also a cultural phenomenon, to say the very least.

I suppose we really are not supposed to take such statements too seriously after elections have put people into power who forget about the needs of the people - and most especially, the needs of children.

Question, Mr. Davis: Will you do less than the President of the United States? Will you forsake thousands of Jewish and Protestant children in this province who are saving you money by going to schools of their own "free choice" - which is, after all, the essence of our democracy - but for whom your government offers not even the hope (not to speak of the concern) that they may actually survive for too many years longer. Without a fair share of Jewish and Protestant tax monies returned to Jewish and Protestant Day Schools - what price the "love" and "concern" your government says it has for the future of Ontario?

People versus cars, you've said, turning down the Spadina Expressway! And what of government aid to these schools, Mr. Davis? Is it not the equivalent of government versus the people? The little people, I mean - the children?

Jerusalem celebration

TORONTO -

Yom Yerushalayim (Jerusalem Day) - the celebration of the reunification of Jerusalem after the Six Day War - has become an official holiday in Israel. But there is no major community observance in Toronto as yet.

However, the Bnei Akiva Youth Organization and Shaarei Tefillah Congregation consider the event "of significance."

Thursday evening and Friday morning May 11 and 12, have been set aside for appropriate services to which the entire community is invited.

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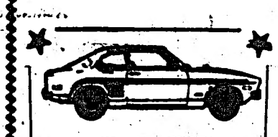

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New kind of art school combines education and social work theories

By JUDY PLATT

TORONTO –

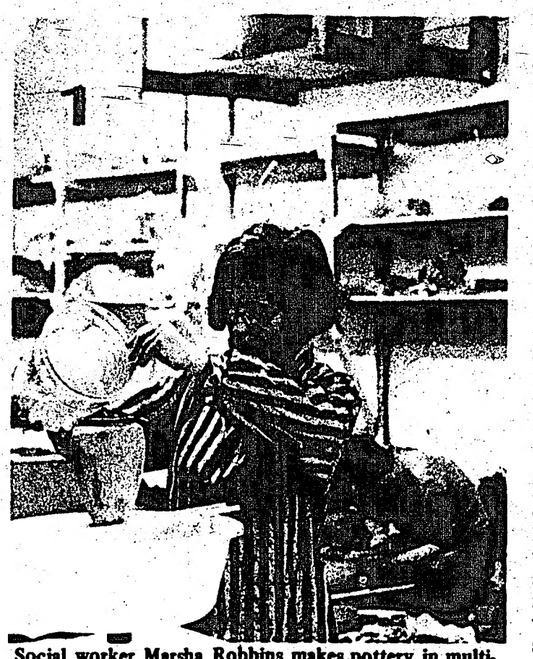
"Wowee, I like this thing! It's really fun!" shouts 10 year old Jackie, working the potter's wheel for the first time.

Jackie is retarded. His social worker had been attending regular adult classes at the Tempus Art Centre - and got the idea of bringing the kids from her agency. Since art therapy for special needs is one of the community services Tempus provides, the weekly visit was arranged.

Tempus is a new kind of art school, combining the innovative art education and social work theories of Torontonian Marty Gross and Israeli-born Dan Hagler who started the school a few months ago. "Dan supplies the over-all vision; I the day-to-day patience," explains Marty, the artist of the pair.

While regular children, teenage, and adult classes (there are whole-family and mother - and - pre - schooler combinations too) are held year-round and during the summer, the school is also open to groups not normally served by an art school. Special classes are in progress for emotionally disturbed youngsters, and programs for the aged as well as day schools are in the works.

Operating on a low budget (the partners support themselves by working part-time at more established institutions: Marty is art teacher and student activities coordinator at Bialik; Dan directs Youthdale, a residential treatment centre for disturbed tennagers), Tempus is located near Casa Loma in a small warehouse hand-converted into the multi-media studio.



Social worker Marsha Robbins makes pottery in multi-media class at Tempus Art Centre, a new kind of school.

It's an exciting "open classroom" type of space with activities going on simultaneously in the work areas for clay, graphics, woodworking and filmmaking. A darkroom is at one end and a recently-borrowed printing press stands at the other.

For a disturbed six year old, Robert, the goal is to help him learn to speak. Marty outlined Robert on a large piece of paper and named the body-parts. When Marty said "mouth" and started to draw it, Robert grabbed the crayon and angrily said "no mouth!" - his first words of the hour.

While expression through art is not usually that dramatic, it is true that the emphasis of the school is on art as self-expression. Art as art takes precedence over art as object.

"In our society we're used to working from the neck up. Our minds and bodies are separated," says Marty. "Art brings them together. And I think people are coming to art classes for this experience, more than for 'entertainment.'"

A failure and "terror" in Hebrew school, Marty was allowed to assist in the art program as a strategy of a desperate principal trying to keep him out of trouble. It worked - and Marty was launched on his teaching career.

As for learning: "I read, I look, I try things, I ask questions. That's how I learn. I don't think school is the only way," says the soft-spoken, self-assured young man who has taught in university but who does not himself hold a degree.

Experience - in - the - world has proven a remarkable school for him. Only 23, he has already worked with a variety of different kinds of kids. Besides Hebrew school, he has taught at a free school, worked with handicapped and disturbed youngsters and inner city street kids.

Vice-Principal Aryeh Adler hands out sponsor sheets to eager students at Eitz Chaim. The boys will take part in a 24-hour Learn-a-thon May 16, with all proceeds going to UJA–ISF.

May 16 learnathon

By ESTHER MEHR

TORONTO –

Jewish children learn at a very early age that helping others is an integral part of their heritage. Nowhere is this more evident than in the Toronto Jewish schools where youngsters from grade 1 right through high school are planning fund-raising projects for the United Jewish Appeal-Israel Special Fund campaign.

At Eitz Chaim schools, UJA projects are being planned in every classroom. The girls are going to run a bake sale, raffle and other events that they are now in the process of discussing with vice-principal Aryeh Adler, who is in charge of all the school's UJA projects.

One of the most unique events is the upcoming UJA 24-hour Learn-a-thon on May 16. It was first tried last junior high school solicited sponsors to pay for each hour of a continuous study and lecture period that lasted 18 hours. They raised $3,000 for UJA with this experimental session.

"The Learn-a-thon is going to be more ambitious this year," Rabbi S. K. Weinberg, principal of Eitz Chaim, said. "We are making it a full 24 hours, from 8 a.m. Tuesday to 8 a.m. Wednesday.

Other Jewish schools in the city are just getting under way with fund-raising plans for UJA. The Bialik Hebrew day school held an all-day bazaar which was organized and run by grade 4 students. They raised $300. At Associated Hebrew Schools and the Community Hebrew Academy, campaign plans include a fashion show and a car wash.

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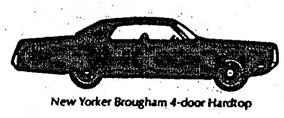

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Toronto, Montreal speeches

Chaim Herzog brings out the crowds

By JUDY PLATT

Maj.-Gen. Chaim Herzog

TORONTO -

Israeli generals are still the darlings of the Jewish lecture-circuit. An audience of 750 turned out to hear Major General Chaim Herzog speak on "Israel! Revolution in History" last week at Beth Tzedec. (An American philosopher - rabbi, speaking in the same series two weeks ago, drew about one-fifth that number.)

Israel has meant a revolution for the Jewish people, asserted Gen. Herzog, whose own life personifies the revolution he was talking about.

The son of the Chief Rabbi of Palestine, he participated in the defeat of Germany during World War Two and in Israel's War of Independence. He served as one of the main architects of the Israeli Intelligence Service, as military commentator and inspiration of a nation before and during the Six Day War, and as first Jewish military governor of the West Bank in almost 2,000 years.

Through his news commentaries on Kol Yisrael, Herzog himself has been a vehicle of this revolution. A clandestine listener, newly arrived in Israel from Riga, said as she embraced him: "You were a part of our lives even though you didn't know it. You gave us meaning and hope."

Herzog described Israel as a catalyst for revolution in the Middle East as well. "It is a revolution that is just beginning," he claims, "and can bring about the hoped-for acceptance of Israel as an integral part of the Middle East.

In the question-and-answer period, the audience was treated to a sampling of Herzog's pungent and penetrating analyses on a wide range of Israel's foreign and internal problems. In the face of his optimistic lecture, Herzog was questioned about the meaning of Sadat's recent bellicose speech pledging to regain Arab lands.

Herzog replied, in part, that "It is quite incredible that Sadat can announce that a million Arabs have to be prepared to be slaughtered. They cannot accept it because they don't take it too seriously. They've heard it before.

"The only part that does give me concern is the Soviet aspect," he stated. "What we are witnessing is a major Soviet imperialistic effort directed on all fronts, particularly in Asia. If they receive encouragement from India and North Vietnam, then they might try again in the Middle East. We're part of an overall Soviet strategy and the reply is part of a general American strategy.

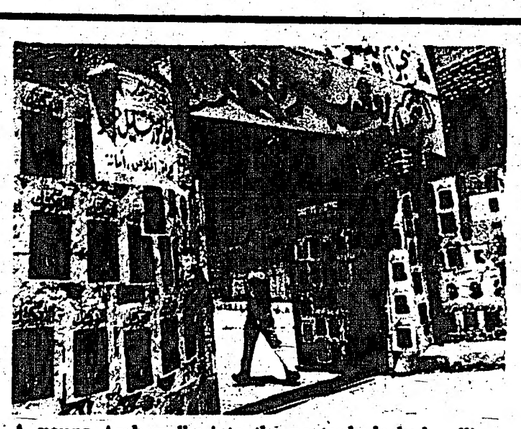
"Left alone, Arabs and Israel would have a reasonable period of quiet. But much depends on what happens in Moscow." And as for that, Gen. Herzog admitted that he "can't give an answer."

In a later speech to 400 persons in Montreal, Herzog said that Arab countries are now developing "some form of accommodation" with Israel.

"We are living through a great period where there are faint signs that Israel has been accepted as an integral part of the Middle East," he told the annual dinner of the Canadian Friends of Bar-Ilan University.

Rabbi S. M. Zambrowsky, one of the founders of the university and chairman of the Mizrachi World Organization, received the Churgin Award at the dinner.

Herzog told his audience Arab leadership has now begun "to respect us", adding that there is now free border crossings along the Jordan River, a better living standard among Arabs, a free press, and a liberal policy


A young Arab walks into the poster-bedecked polling station to cast his vote in local elections on the West Bank. There was an 87.3 percent turnout at the polls in 12 towns in Judea
Israel Sun photo

A dramatic letter tells Soviet story

By GENYA INTRATOR

TORONTO -

One story of a telephone call to Russia sounds almost like a "Who done it?", yet it is a true story.

Last January Mr. and Mrs. Eric Levitt decided to give their daughter Margo a birthday gift - a telephone call to a Jewish family in Russia. They got in touch with the Student Council for Soviet Jewry and asked them to arrange it.

The call was made on a Sunday night from the Levitt's home to the family of Solomon Greenberg in Kharkov. A routine telegram was sent to the Greenbergs notifying them about the time and date of the call several days ahead of time. Notwithstanding that, the Russian operator who was trying to make the connection claimed that "they are not answering".

Since that family could not be reached we asked the operator to call another person, this time in Moscow. That party was available and we informed them about our abortive attempt to call the Greenbergs.

Friday, April 21, Margo received the following letter from Israel: -

Dear Margo:

I am the mother of Solomon Greenberg. In January we received your telegram about your forthcoming telephone call.

I would have written you a long time ago to say 'thank you very much! ! '. To tell you that every phone call, every letter from "relatives", gives us courage, helps us to resist, because we know that people are concerned about us and want to help us. I could not write to you for two reasons. First your telegram was confiscated during a search in our apartment and we did not have your exact address. Secondly I could not write to you the whole truth from there. Now I am in our country the country that my children dream about. Unfortunately I had to leave by myself, since they were not allowed to get out. I am not a young woman but I am walking around like a wide eyed child. Everything I see fills my heart with joy, and yet I cannot be happy because I

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Israeli General to speak for UIA

TORONTO-

Israeli Maj.-Gen. David Ofer, commander of the Southern District Police Command including Jerusalem, will be speaking to Ontario communities on behalf of the United Israel Appeal this month.

He has previously spoken for UIA in Ottawa and Winnipeg.

A native of Rumania, Ofer served in the Jewish Brigade

Maj.-Gen David Ofer

of the British Army, and rose to the rank of major before the end of the Second World War. He was officer in charge of security during Eichmann's trial.

Before his designation as commander of the Southern District Command, he held the post of commander of the Israel Police College, head of the traffic branch in Tel Aviv District, and deputy and chief of staff of the Southern District Police Command.

Survivors group protest

TORONTO -

The Bergen Belsen Survivors Association in Toronto has written the West German consul general here protesting reported vandalism against monuments in Belsen in mid-April.

Norbert Hebich, West German consul, replied to the letter saying it had been forwarded to Ottawa and "there is no doubt that your protest will be directed to competent authorities in the federal republic of Germany."

Bernard Laufer, president of the Bergen-Belsen Association in Toronto, told The CJN that right after the 27th anniversary celebration of the liberation of the camp on April 15, flowers were burned and graves desecrated. He said after discovery of the damage the following day, everything was cleaned up by the West German government.

In its letter, the association asked the consul to convey to the West German government "the expression of our outrage and our wrath about this bestial act of vandalism."

The consul in his letter said:

"I fully agree with you in condemning all acts of vandalism against memorials of the victims of the Nazi regime. . . . As soon as I am informed about pertinent measures being taken, I shall contact you again."

Advertise plight of Syrians

MONTREAL -

A manifesto, outlining the condition of Jews living in Syria will be published in three Ottawa newspapers - two English and one French - early next week, according to a Canadian Jewish Congress spokesman.

The manifesto is a prelude to a meeting being organized by the joint committee on Syrian Jewry with External Affairs Minister

The manifesto, called A Cry From The night reads in part: "In Syria 4,000 Jews are being subjected to indescribable suffering for the "crime" of being Jewish. Syrian Jews are relegated to Ghettos, unable to leave the country, restricted to their movements to three kilometers from their residences, banned from public employment, suffer countless humiliating harassments, and, reminiscent of the Nazi era, forced to carry identity cards stamped Jewish."

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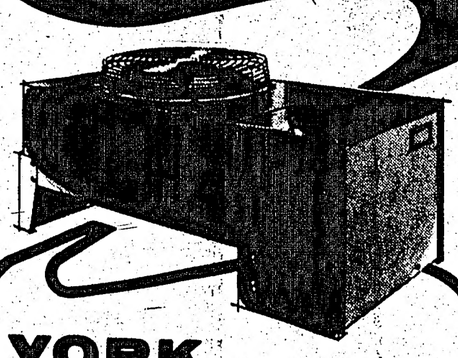

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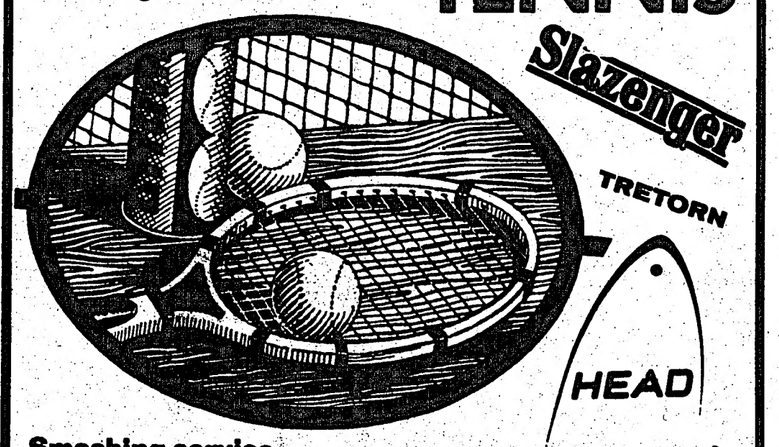

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Israel POWs threatened

The Arab World; Beirut

CAIRO –

An Egyptian military spokesman in Cairo has warned Israel that Egypt, too, had Israeli prisoners of war, and that if the Israeli authorities persisted in the maltreatment of Egyptian prisoners, the Egyptian authorities would do the same with the Israeli prisoners.

The Egyptian warning followed the killing of an Egyptian prisoner of war during what the Israelis described as rioting by the prisoners at one of the camps. The Israeli version said that the prisoners rioted and barricaded themselves in their cells when the Israeli authorities wanted to search the camp for instruments which may be used for breaking out. The decision to inspect the camp followed the escape a few days ago of three Syrian prisoners of war. One of the Syrians was later captured, but the other two appeared to have got away.

Israel was reported to have 62 Egyptian prisoners of war, while Egypt has 12, all pilots of fighter planes shot down in 1970 during the war of attrition on the Suez Canal front.

Yesterday's was the second reported jail disturbance in Israel in seven months, and the second by Egyptian POWs since the war of June 1967. In November that year, several hundred Egyptian prisoners rioted in one of the camps over continued delays in their repatriation. One prisoner was killed by Israeli guards.

Last September, the Israelis quelled a riot by 480 Arab commandos in Ashkelon prison south of Tel Aviv.

The Daily Star - Beirut

UNITED NATIONS –

Syrian Ambassador George Tomeh has complained that U.S. Ambassador George Bush turned down his demand for legal action against the Jewish Defence League.

This, he charged, was tantamount to arguing that he should go on being called barbarian, pig and dog by JDL-inspired hecklers in his mission building.

Tomeh made the complaint in the U.N. Committee on Relations with the host country, adding that the only recourse was for the United Nations to get out of New York and ultimately the United States.

Tomeh said the Jewish Defence League had canvassed other tenants of the building in which the Syrian mission is located urging that they stop Syrian diplomats and ask that Jews be permitted to leave Syria.

Tomeh said he had proposed to the American authorities that legal action be taken against the league but U.S. Ambassador George Bush replied that no violation of criminal law was involved.

Tomeh said the American mass media privated and broadcast lies about Syria. The Arabs were still suffering from American aggression "through the generals of Tel Aviv," he said.

"All peoples of the world should be grateful to the people of Vietnam for uncovering the real face of American aggression," Tomeh told the 15-member committee.

There had been a continuous propaganda war against the Arabs in the "so-called free press," and even the academic community had joined in.

Egyptian prisoner's death used by Cairo for threat

UNITED NATIONS (JTA) –

Israel accused Egypt last week of utilizing the accidental death of an Egyptian prisoner of war during a riot in an Israeli POW camp April 18 as the pretext for "an undisguised threat against the safety of Israeli prisoners of war in Egypt."

The charge was contained in a letter to UN Secretary General Kurt Waldheim from Israel Ambassador Yosef Tekoah. Tekoah referred to an Egyptian letter to the Secretary General on the incident and to a statement by an Egyptian Army spokesman April 19, reported by Cairo's Middle East News Agency, that "threatened" Israeli POW's in Egypt.

The Israeli envoy expressed regret at the death of the Egyptian POW, who was fatally wounded when a bullet, fired as a warning shot by an Israeli MP, ricocheted off a wall and struck the POW in the head. Tekoah noted that the warning shots were fired "as a last resort" after Egyptian POWs attacked the MPs with steel bars, stones and bottles, set fire to their barracks and attempted to break out. Tekoah noted that the International Red Cross was notified immediately after the incident.

The IRC's report, appended to the Israeli envoy's letter, confirmed that Israel fully observed the Geneva Convention. On the other hand, Tekoah noted, the Egyptian Army spokesman's "threat against defenseless and guiltless (Israeli) prisoners constitutes a grave violation of the Geneva Convention." Tekoah also pointed out that on numerous occasions Israel has proposed a POW exchange with Egypt which the latter country "has stubbornly rejected."

Col. Jacob Monbaz (left), Israel consul general in Toronto, points out to External Affairs Minister Mitchell Sharp some of the features of the bas relief of Massada on display at the Israel Pavilion. Gadi Hoz photo

Sharp suggestion

By LEWIS LEVENDEL
CJN Assistant Editor

TORONTO –

External Affairs Minister Mitchell Sharp has suggested to B'nai B'rith that one day it might produce in Israel an exhibition about Canada similar to the annual Israel Pavilion here.

"Israelis, I'm sure, don't know that much about us," Sharp told a large audience at the opening of the Israel Pavilion last weekend at the North York Centennial Centre.

The minister said that as he looked over the exhibits he saw it as a basis for further development of trade and cultural contacts between Canada and Israel.

The Pavilion, organized by Canada Lodge, B'nai B'rith, runs to May 14.

In his speech, Sharp said he was impressed how Canada - Israel relations had grown and developed over the last four years.

He said he had been to Israel once and that trip "has whetted my appetite for more.

"Speaking to Israel Prime Minister Golda Meir for an hour was one of the greatest experiences of my life as external affairs minister", he continued. "She reminded me of my mother."

The minister, who seemed to enjoy the performance of the Temple Singers of Holy Blossom, spent more than a half hour touring exhibits ranging from objects from the Beth Tzedec Museum to a bas relief of Massada.

Col. Jacob Monbaz, Israel consul - general, in his speech at the opening said the pavilion was one of the reasons for the developing relations, both commercially and culturally, between Canada and Israel.

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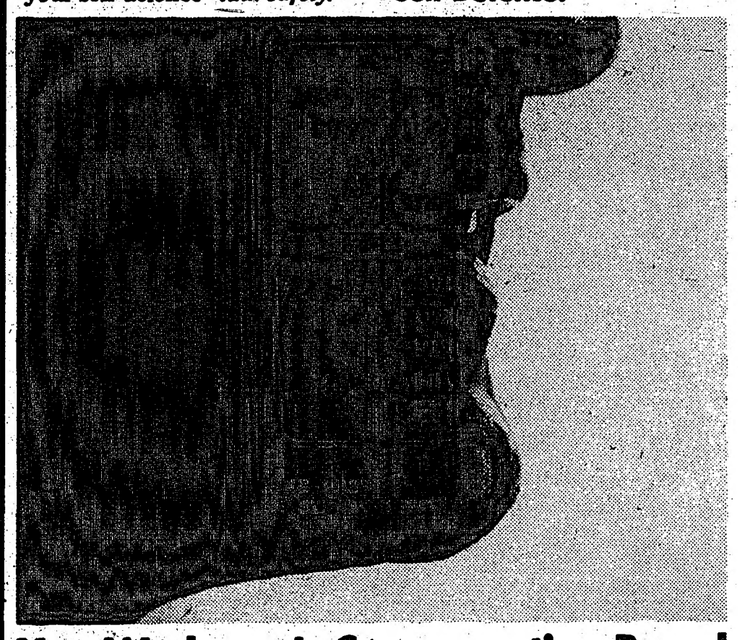

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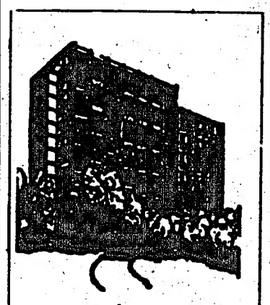

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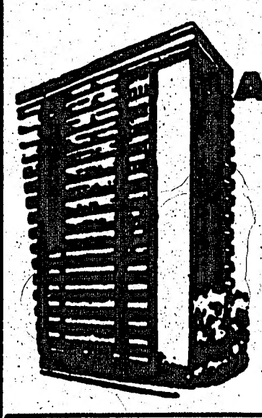

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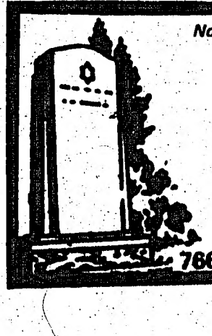

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By MIRIAM HERMAN

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Dr. Stephenson added that governments must relate their departments of health to the needs of the communities and not to the ideas of the bureaucrats.

Mrs. Frederick Bookman, president of the women's auxiliary presented hospital president Monty Simmonds with a cheque for $60,000 on behalf of the organization. Funds are raised through many projects - baby photography, hospital donation cards, gift shop, snack bar, television rentals, treasury gifts and the annual ball (a sell-out last year).

In her annual report, Mrs. Bookman announced that the new-born nursery in the new hospital is to be dedicated to the women's auxiliary.

Several organizations received a scroll of honor for having contributed to the treasury gift fund this year and two, the Linitzer Ladies Auxiliary and the Relative Young Ladies Auxiliary, received a special medallion for contributing for ten consecutive years.

Harriet Train, a first-year medical student, was awarded the Rose Torno Bursary of $1,000 for medical education. The Women's Auxiliary Bursary of $2,000 went to David Terry to further his social work studies. An annual grant of $200 is given to the Nightingale School of Nursing.

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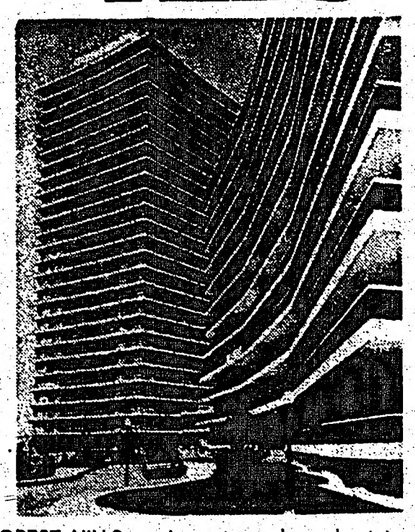

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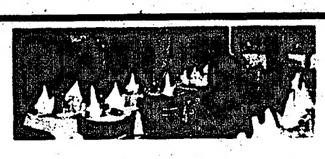

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Summer camping

'An experience in Jewish living'

This is the first of a series of three articles dealing with Jewish camps in Ontario.

By PAUL OGDEN
CJN Staff Reporter

A good time is had by all at this evening campfire-circle at Camps Northland-B'nai B'rith.

TORONTO – What provides recreation for over 3,000 Jewish youngsters and at the same time provides employment to some 600 Jewish teens and college students? If you answer the Toronto Jewish Camp Council, you've guessed correctly.

Made up of Camps Northland and B'nai B'rith for children, Camp Good Fellowship for senior citizens and Camp Family Fun for entire families, the Toronto Jewish Camp Council last year served more campers than all the private and organizational camps in Ontario combined.

The council runs a junior camp at Parry Sound, intermediate and senior camps at Haliburton and its senior citizens and family programs at the Mothers' and Babes' Rest Home near Barrie.

"We go into Jewish identification, but do not push religion, explains John Bernstein, executive director of the council. "We hold compulsory religious services in all but the senior camps, but these services are a mixture of the Reform and Conservative movements. We also 'import' some counsellors from Israel, although we do not stress Zionism."

The unique fee structure of the camp allows a subsidy system - known as "camperships" - to give low and middle income families the opportunity to send their children to camp for a minimum of three weeks in the summer.

"We start interviewing in December and go right through till a few days before camp starts. It is obviously important that people apply early; that cannot be stressed enough," says Bernstein.

Although the camps are considered kosher by most Conservative authorities, the ultra-Orthodox segment of the community will not send campers to Northland B'nai B'rith.

"We often give direct financial aid to a family so that they may send their youngsters to a religious camp such as Agudah," notes Bernstein.

"Another very real service we offer," adds Bernstein, "is to give employment to over 600 Jewish high school and university students."

Harriet Borins, the council's new president and a long time member of the board, is enthusiastic over the role the council plays in the community.

"Seeing the children go off to camp with all those shining faces and seeing them come back, with those same faces all dirty and smiling and then having a man in his 70's return from Camp Good Fellowship and tell you 'This is the best time I've ever had in my life' . . . these are two of the most beautiful and important things we are doing in the community."

The camps seem to offer as much enjoyment to the staff as they do to the campers; Stan Bloom, a lawyer who gave up his practise to become the full-time director of the Junior Camp at Parry Sound, spends his summers at the camp and the balance of the year hiring staff and interviewing campers and their families.

"By training I'm a lawyer," says Bloom. "But I have no plans to practise law again. I find working with the kids to be much more satisfying than working in law."

Many parents wonder how their children will react should they come in contact with drugs at camp.

Bernstein explains that all campers are given a lecture on drugs at the opening of camp. Additionally, the staff, which is at the age most exposed to drug-taking, is a selected group that is well regimented. By their temperament, they are not likely to take drugs.

"Our staff members cannot even smoke tobacco in the presence of campers. We have a staff lounge where they may smoke in the evenings."

Camp Good Fellowship, another service of the camp council, gives senior citizens the opportunity to get out of the city for a few weeks. It also psychologically strengthens persons as much as possible in order that they can take advantage of senior citizen programs in the city.

Michael Berger, director of programs at the camp, explains: "We must break down the psychological barrier that older people often have to new things."

The camp offers programs similar to those offered the youngsters at Northland-B'nai B'rith, except they are geared to the needs of the elderly.

"Our programs are conducted in both Yiddish and English in what is essentially a lodge setting. Nobody is forced to do anything, but they are encouraged by the staff to participate as fully as they can," says Berger.

The camp is expanding year to year and this year hopes to serve 300 senior adults over three two-week periods.

"We know we are providing a real service," he says, "because of the large percentage that return year after year. And they are really learning to take advantage of the city's community resources."

Berger is also director of programming for Camp Family Fun, which, like Camp Good Fellowship, operates at the Mothers' and Babes' Rest Home near Barrie.

Like the children's camps and Camp Good Fellowship, Family Fun also provides subsidies for those unable to pay the full fee. The camp offers a full range of activities, all geared to the family, with a special program for children under the supervision of experienced specialists and counsellors.

Except for a small subsidy from the United Community Fund for Camps Family Fun and Good Fellowship and a contribution from the United Jewish Welfare Fund for taxes and insurance at Northland-B'nai B'rith, the Jewish Camp Council has achieved financial self-sufficiency through fees paid by the campers. This is due more to the economies of scale than a deficiency in programming, according to Bernstein.

Once more emphasizing the camps' philosophy, Bernstein concludes: "We create in our camps a Jewish environment and an experience in Jewish living. The Jewish components are an integral part of our camp programs in general and not one part of it. We emphasize the totality rather than the divisive parts in the Jewish Community and strongly believe that all choices of Jewish identification are appropriate if they result in a positive experience of Jewishness."

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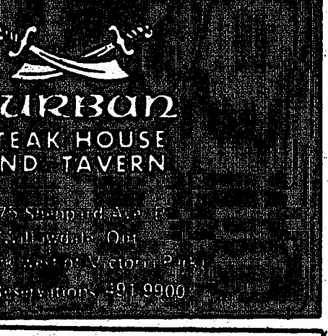

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Nehemiah Persoff shifts from gangster roles to Sholem Aleichem

By JENIVA BERGER

Picture a family dinner table where the competition to tell the best story of the day is the main course, with maybe some anecdotes thrown in for dessert. Do you come away with indigestion? Not on your life. Just ask Nehemiah Persoff who grew up eating at the busiest table in New York: his parents'. He's currently in town with his award winning one-man show Sholem Aleichem.

"I had to take mental notes constantly of things I saw and heard," says the deeply tanned Persoff, "to keep up with my father who was a great story teller and an actor." Like another great story teller, Solomon Rabinowitz, known to the world as Sholem Aleichem, young master Persoff became a people watcher all the while he drank in the speech patterns and personalities of his parents which were remarkably like the Yiddish writer's.

His personal theatric of the "little people" who were immortalized by Sholem Aleichem is all in English,

Nehemiah Persoff

and Dorothy Rochmis' new translation tends away from the "inverted Yiddish phrases" common to other translations. "More speakable," Persoff feels.

Sholem Aleichem not done in Yiddish? "Sacrilegious," said a little old lady all set to leave one of the performances at L.A.'s Oxford Theatre where the show played for seven months.

"Wait, wait," said Mr. Persoff. "Give me 10 minutes." She gave him the full two acts. "Nu?" said Persoff at the end. "Oh," said the little old lady, or perhaps it was a sall echo from Kasrilevka, "all the time I thought you were speaking in Yiddish."

Persoff laughs richly at this delicious tale. He is a very lovely man. Gracious, gentle, and so hospitable you would swear he was entertaining in his own living room.

"You know," he adds, "the young people are starting to read Sholem Aleichem. When another person has the same heartbeat as yours, it touches you," says the famous character actor who for years played heartless gangland war lords in films it was a small echo from such as **Al Capone**, his most red Charles Laughton, a man ter he wrily observes that he continually wore a pin stripe suit exactly like the bar mitzvah outfit he borrowed from his cousin Abe.

The turning point of his theatrical career was in Brecht's **Galileo** which starred Charles Laughtn, a man from whom he learned "very much". From classics to comedy and Shakespeare to Peter Pan, 22 Broadway shows and 25 Stock shows turned Persoff into one of the best character actors on the American theatrical scene. Twenty-seven films turned him into a larger than life racketeer figure which he is weary of.

In the offing is a summertime change of home base from Los Angeles to Israel with his wife and four children, and two more one-man shows. One on Ben Hecht which is practically finished and slated for a possible London production, and the other an adaptation of Thomas Mann's **Joseph and his Brothers.**

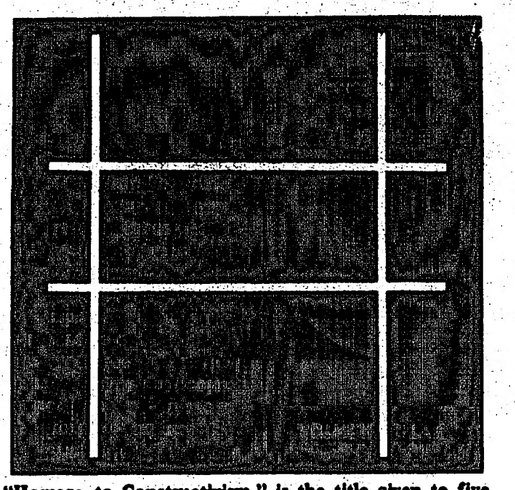
And if Persoff's stamp is on them, no doubt they'll make people laugh. Laughter is an important factor in his book, and one gets the feeling that there must have been a lot of it around that busy family dinner table in New York.

Machine art shown at Electric Gallery

By MAX MANN

Five gentle kinetic sculptures comprise Roger Vilder's "Homage to Constructivism" at The Electric Gallery to 18 May. They make an exceptional exhibition and prove why this 35 year-old Lebanon-born Jewish-Canadian is among the most respected artists in his field.

The works are ingenious machines in which hidden motors and chains cause painted steel bands to glide slowly across the picture plane. The formal qualities of the planar image are highly evocative of Piet Mondrian's well-known band paintings. Vilder makes no secret of his admiration for Mondrian's sense of composition. At any one instant the works resemble the familiar Mondrian with its rectilinear bands describing squares and rectangles. But Vilder has put these forms into motion. He has created his own brand of mystery and tension as these forms evolve and expand, contract, or disappear in a smooth, gentle flow.



"Homage to Constructivism," is the title given to five kinetic sculptures, one pictured here, being displayed by Roger Vilder at the Electric Gallery.

It is clear from viewing the pieces together that Vilder has an exceptional ability for restraint. Where a lesser artist could easily get carried away merely to produce a more aggressive work, Vilder's sense of balance seems to hold sway. And this is what the works are about - balance. The pieces are worth looking at time and time and time again.

It employs ultraviolet light which causes the bands to take on a mysterious ethereal quality as they glide across the plane.

Vilder has made clear the relationship between kinetic art and Constructivism. The Constructivists with their clean, crisp, sometimes sterile geometries and their emphasis on "construction, not expression" seem to imply an art of machine-building. There are no attempts to be painterly and no exaltation of technique, as in expressionism. Yet, Vilder has created something that far surpasses austere geometry and impersonal technology. The exhibition continues to 18 May at The Electric Gallery 272 Avenue Road.

Perlman demonstrates impeccable technique

By ALAN MARKS

To try to describe the playing of Itzhak Perlman, the Israeli violinist, is to run out of superlatives. He is, quite simply, one of the great artists of our time. To my great regret I missed his recital earlier this season, but last week I heard him give a magnificent performance of the Dvorak Violin Concerto with the Toronto Symphony Orchestra at massey Hall.

His technique, as one would expect, is impeccable, and this was amply demonstrated in the third movement. But it was in the second that he showed his great quality as an artist. The change of mood as the first movement ends and the second begins is sudden and unexpected. The first movement, light and melodic, seems to be developing in the usual form; the soloist is playing a cadenza and as we listen we are expecting the orchestra to re-enter when it finishes. Instead, the cadenza ends, there is a brief pause, and we realize the Adagio has begun.

It is a very beautiful movement, long and with a strong melodic line, demanding from the soloist all the depth of tone and feeling of which the instrument is capable, and Perlman responded in full measure. He has a way of inclining his head to the instrument as he plays a lyrical passage, and the sounds he draws from the strings are such as one rarely hears from a violin.

The exciting third movement, with its intricate rhythms and presto passages, was taken at a great pace and he played it brilliantly and effortlessly. What was, perhaps, most impressive was the delicacy and clarity with which he executed the most complex passages.

Chassidic choir program

The Chassidic song festival which Lubavitch is sponsoring is likely to be one of the events of the year.

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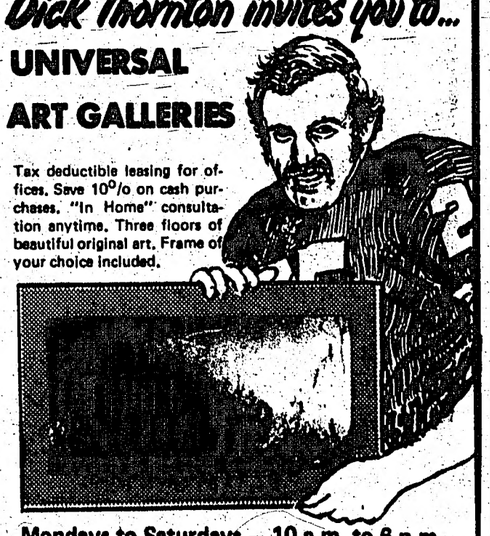
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